

That the dispersed people were to gather there after a long period of persecution, see Jer. 31:8; 32:37-44; Isa. 41:18; 61:4, 9; Isa 11:11-16. See also Ezekiel 38th chapter, wherein it is again affirmed that the nations will gather about Jerusalem after these people are assembled there, and then God arises to shake terribly the earth, and all men living will shake at His presence.

There is today a great movement against Jerusalem organized among the nations, for the purpose of looking after the holy places, and preventing them becoming entirely controlled by the Hebrew people now immigrating by the tens of thousands to that country. See Gen. 12:1-3.

Reader, we admonish you to read carefully the admonition of Jesus in Luke 21:34 and 36, and, by following it, be made worthy to escape the things that are coming to pass, and enter into His everlasting kingdom.

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Since the close of the great world war, prophetic students see more clearly than ever before the fulfillment of scripture regarding the conflict of nations which will usher in the Armageddon battle and the coming of the Lord.

Spirits of devils working miracles are to go out from the dragon, beast, and the false prophet, and gather the whole world together to the battle of the great day. (Rev. 16:13 to 17). This corresponds with the events recorded also in chapter 11:18, associating the anger of nations with the judgement day and the coming of the Lord. Also the Lord spoke the same through Daniel, chapter 12:1 to 3: "There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book" (the book of life). And many sleeping in the graves shall come forth. War and distress upon the earth are associated with the resurrection day and the judgement. See also Luke 21:25-31, where it says there is distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring, and men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after the things that are coming to pass upon the world, just before the Lord returns.

Men at the head of world affairs today are made to realize more than ever the terrible disaster of war, and therefore peace conferences are still being held among nations, in hope that something may be done to prevent further chaos and disaster. Their noble efforts are to be admired, when men thus engage as peacemakers; but the Lord tells His faithful people, "Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid". (Isa 8:9-

13), but to sanctify the Lord God in their hearts. There are to be wars and rumors of wars until the Lord shall come in glory. See Matt. 24th chapter also.

God declares in Zechariah 12:2, 3, that He will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone, and a cup of trembling among all people, and they that burden themselves with it shall be cut to pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it. This prophecy has never had its fulfillment in the past, therefore it is future, and chapter fourteen carries the events farther when it is promised that the nations will finally all gather against this city. Then the Lord fights against those nations as when He fought in the days of battle, and His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the East. The mount will divide, half being removed in one direction and half in the other. This scripture parallels those previously given and describes the last war of this age, for which the nations are now visably making preparations.

Jerusalem was to be first trodden down by the Gentiles, (Luke 21:24), and God was to seek a people from all nations of the earth. (Jer. 16:16-19; Isa. 62:1-6). Then He promised us that these people, so long dispersed and scattered, would lead to the closing conflict of the age.

Four powers were to scatter the Jewish people, and this was so: Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome afflicted and scattered. Four powers, represented as carpenters, were to take a leading hand in casting out the Gentiles from the country. (Zech. 1:17-21). This was also fulfilled when the four nations captured Jerusalem from the Turks, and stood together, giving it over to the Jewish people for a homeland.